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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:

PROPOSED REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL PERMIT FOR LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATERS

AND

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GRANTING A CATEGORICAL EXCEPTION TO CTR/SIP REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIORITY POLLUTANTS IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATERS

Tentative revised waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program for Limited Threat Discharges were distributed March 3, 2003 for a 30-day comment period. Comments were received and considered in revising the tentative documents.

Revisions to the tentative documents are: 1) Changing from a case-by-case exception for California Toxics Rule / State Implementation Plan (CTR/SIP) requirements for all discharges covered in the General Permit to a categorical exception for certain discharges related to maintaining potable water supplies. All other discharge categories are required to comply with CTR/SIP requirements. 2) Preparation of a CEQA Negative Declaration for the RWQCB action to grant a categorical exception to CTR/SIP requirements. 3) Changing the flow limits in the General Permit to be specified in the Notice of Intent and Notice of Applicability. 4) Removing several categories of discharge (i.e., non-contact cooling water, condensate, swimming pool drainage, landscape pool drainage, and "other" similar low threat discharges).

The proposed General Permit and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available on the Lahontan Regional Board website at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/> or you can request a hard copy from the Regional Board at (530) 542-5400.

The Regional Board requests that you review the proposed documents and provide us with your written comments no later than **June 20, 2003**. Comments received after that date cannot be given full consideration in preparation of the recommended Order to be presented to the Regional Board for adoption. It is proposed to present the proposed waste discharge requirements and Mitigated Negative Declaration to the Regional Board for adoption at the meeting set for **July 9 and 10, 2003** in South Lake Tahoe, California.

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You may contact me at (530) 542-5578 if you should have any questions or wish to discuss the General Permit or Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Sincerely,

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Submittal of Written Material for Regional Board Consideration

In order to ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, it is necessary to submit it at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This will allow distribution of material to the Board Members in advance of the meeting.

Pursuant to Title 23 California Code of Regulations Section 648.4, the Regional Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of the written testimony, the Regional Board may refuse to admit it.

A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq.

Complete Form and Return

TO: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region

SUBJECT: Comments on Waste Discharge Requirements for
Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Waters or the
Mitigated Negative Declaration

☐ We concur with proposed requirements

☐ We concur; comments attached

☐ We do not concur; comments attached

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